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(U) Los Angeles – Gang Members Sentenced to 40 Years for Sex Trafficking Children

(U) A Gardena man who was found guilty of sex trafficking seven girls, most of whom had been coerced or forced to work as prostitutes, was sentenced yesterday to 40 years in federal prison. Laron Darrell Carter received the sentence from US District Judge Virginia A. Phillips, who also ordered the defendant to pay in restitution to six of his victims. The case was the result of a probe by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The evidence at trial showed that Carter, a Crip gang member, trafficked girls as young as 13 and subjected some of them to beatings, which included victims being punched in the face and whipped with a belt.

SOURCE: 18 July 2016, [US Immigration and Customs Enforcement](#)

(U) Redding – Drone Disrupts Firefighting Efforts

(U) During a busy weekend for firefighters, spreading them thin while battling multiple fires across Shasta County, one firefighting aircraft had to cancel its mission when a drone was spotted over a Redding house fire. The FAA has banned the use of drones near active fires, but that didn't stop one from flying above this house during Saturday's blaze, forcing an aircraft to cancel its operation. The aircraft was forced to return to base the moment a drone was spotted flying over the house on fire.

SOURCE: 18 July 2016, [Action News Now](#)

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(U) Louisiana – Baton Rouge Police Shooter Said he was a "Sovereign Citizen"

(U) Baton Rouge – The former Marine who ambushed and killed three Baton Rouge police officers identified with a growing sovereign citizen movement that originated among white supremacists and whose adherents believe they are immune to most federal and state laws, including paying taxes and getting driver's licenses. Gavin Long filed documents last year declaring himself a member of the United Washitaw de Dugdahmoundyah, a mostly black group whose members believe they're descended from the early Native American mound builders and own the Louisiana Purchase land. Nothing in that group's ideology calls for violence; some members have sold fake driver's licenses, passports and filed fake court documents, according to Mark Potok, a senior fellow at the Southern Poverty Law Center.

SOURCE: 18 July 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Georgia – Georgia Man Accused of Urging People to Kill Police

(U) Macon – Police say a Georgia man has been charged after he urged people to kill white police officers. An arrest warrant states that Derrick Hudson of Macon, Georgia, wrote "Just kill all white cracker cops" in his online response to a Facebook post by Macon station WGXA-TV last week. The warrant says Hudson was charged with criminal solicitation.

SOURCE: 18 July 2016, [Associated Press](#)

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(U) Salt Lake City – Health authorities in Utah are investigating a unique case of Zika found in a person who had been caring for a relative who had an unusually high level of the virus in his blood. Exactly how the disease was transmitted is still a mystery, though the person has since recovered. The elderly relative who died after contracting Zika abroad had amounts of the virus in his blood more than 100,000 times higher than other samples of infected people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Though the tropical mosquito that mainly spreads Zika isn't typically found in Utah, officials haven't ruled out the possibility that the man brought a mosquito back with him from an area where he caught the virus, perhaps in a suitcase, according to the CDC.

SOURCE: 18 July 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Germany – ISIL Claims Responsibility for Train Attack**

(U) Berlin – The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) claimed responsibility today for an ax-and-knife attack on a German train that left at least five people wounded, but authorities said the 17-year-old Afghan asylum-seeker who was shot and killed by police as he fled the scene appears to have self-radicalized and had no direct link to the extremists. The boy shouted "Allahu akbar" ("God is great") as he attacked people on the regional train near the Bavarian city of Wuerzburg yesterday night, and a hand-painted ISIL flag was found during a search of his room, according to state Interior Minister Joachim Herrmann.

SOURCE: 19 July 2016, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Iraq – Iraqi Cleric Says US Troops 'a Target'

(U) Najaf – A powerful Iraqi Shiite cleric whose militiamen battled US forces after the 2003 invasion has said that hundreds more American troops being sent to Iraq are "a target for us." Pentagon chief Ashton Carter announced on a recent visit to Baghdad that 560 extra military personnel would be sent as part of efforts to combat ISIL, which overran large areas north and west of Baghdad in 2014. "They are a target for us," Moqtada al-Sadr said in a statement on his website on Sunday, responding to a question about Carter's announcement.

SOURCE: 18 July 2016, [Associated Foreign Press](#)

(U) Indonesia – Most Wanted Militant Killed in Gun Battle

(U) Jakarta – Indonesia's most wanted militant was killed in a gun battle with security forces, a top minister said today, in a victory for the government's counterterrorism campaign that further tightens the vise on a dwindling band of extremists in the jungles of Sulawesi Island. Abu Wardah Santoso was one of two militants killed in the shootout yesterday, Coordinating Minister for Security, Political and Legal Affairs Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan told reporters. Santoso, who headed the East Indonesia Mujahideen militant group that in 2014 claimed allegiance to ISIL, had eluded capture for more than five years.

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